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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 35-37 are currently pending with claims 1 and 36 having been amended.

Claims 1 & 35-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gordon, U.S. Patent No. 6,510,554.

Claims 1 and 36 have been amended to distinguish Gordon. Specifically, the claimed embodiment of amended claim 1 relates to an apparatus for displaying a program on a display module. More particularly, the apparatus of amended claim 1 is configured to display on a display module a single frame for each program of a plurality of programs. Then, based on a user selection of a program from the plurality, the apparatus is configured to display on the display module a single frame for each of a plurality of scenes for the select program. If no input is received for a period of time, the apparatus will then play the select program as a small frame.

Applicants submit that nowhere does Gordon discuss an apparatus for displaying a single frame for plurality of programs and for a plurality of scenes for a select program, and nowhere does Gordon ever mention displaying a select program in a small frame based on lack of input. In contrast, Gordon, as understood, describes a picture processor module configured to decode a main video stream that includes a plurality of sub-streams. The video processor module is configured to process a single sub-stream to generate i) a decoded stream for standard video playback, ii) a decoded stream for fast forward playback, and iii) a decoded stream for reverse playback. See FIG. 2 of Gordon and the description thereof at Col. 5, line 63 to Col. 6, line 53. The video processor module is configured to skip select frames, such as B-frames, and decode other frames such as I-frames and P-frames to generate the fast forward stream and the reverse stream. Frames are skipped and decoded based on a predictive frame counting method. See FIG. 3 of Gordon and the description thereof at Col. 6, line 54 to Col. 7, line 34. These various decoded streams are then stored in a mass storage unit for fast retrieval for transmission to a user. See Gordon at Col. 6, lines 38-53. The fast forward and reverse program decoding system of Gordon is in no way related to the single frame display and selection apparatus of amended claim 1. Therefore, Gordon fails entirely to anticipate amended claim 1.

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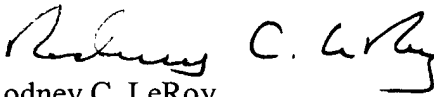Reply to Office Action of December 14, 2005

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Claim 36 has been amended to recite similar limitations as those of amended claim 1 distinguished from Gordon above. Therefore, for at least the same reasons that Gordon fails to anticipate amended claim 1, Gordon similarly fails to anticipate amended claim 36.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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